Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 27 Sep 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 28 Sep 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 26 Sep 2023 at 12:18 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for wet and very windy conditions later Wednesday into Thursday as well as the wind easing through Thursday. Remaining high for unsettled conditions Saturday into Sunday with drier brighter conditions through the days. Lower confidence in the rainfall detail.

Headline for Wednesday 27 Sep 2023: Dry and bright becoming windy and cloudy with rain later.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 27 Sep 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
20%	<05%	00%	00%	00%	50%	70%	40%

Forecast for Wednesday 27 Sep 2023

Weather: A few early showers but soon becoming dry with clear spells overnight. The morning will continue dry with sunny spells but the afternoon will see the wind strengthen as cloud and rain, some heavy, spreads north.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% becoming 30% from mid-afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Patchy cloud above 900m with good visibility during the morning. The cloud increases and lowers to 400-600m through the afternoon with the visibility falling poor in rain.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	32/40 SW	31/39 SW	25/31 S	23/29 S	22/29 SE	33/44 E	40/53 E	36/49 E	32/42 SE
900	31/39 SW	29/37 SW	24/30 S	22/27 S	20/28 SE	32/43 E	38/51 E	34/47 E	31/40 SE
600	21/30 SW	19/28 SW	16/23 S	15/21 S	16/24 SE	23/34 E	27/41 E	23/36 E	21/30 SE
300	6/27 SW	5/25 SW	4/19 S	4/17 S	5/19 SE	9/33 E	11/40 E	9/36 E	9/30 SE
Glen	10/24 SW	10/24 S	8/20 S	8/17 SE	10/21 E	17/35 E	21/43 E	17/36 E	12/25 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	4/-2	4/-3	4/-2	4/-1	6/1	6/0	6/-1	6/1	7/2
900	5/-1	4/-2	5/-1	5/0	7/3	7/1	6/0	7/2	8/3
600	7/3	7/2	7/3	8/4	10/6	9/5	8/4	10/6	10/6
300	9/8	9/8	9/8	10/10	12/11	11/10	10/8	11/10	11/9
Glen	11/9	11/9	11/9	13/11	14/13	14/11	13/10	14/11	14/12
Freezing Level*	1500m	1500m	1600m	1500m	1700m	2200m	2500m	2500m	2500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
The morning will begin dry and bright but feeling cold. Cloud, strong to gale winds and rain spread north through the afternoon.

Forecast for Thursday 28 Sep 2023
Weather: Cloudy with rain at times in the morning. Bright spells and showers follow through the afternoon.

Maximum wind: West to southwest 60-65mph gust 70-75mph, decreasing southwest 45-50mph gust 50-60mph by evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% increasing 40% through the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud 400-600m through the morning when rain will lower the visibility to poor at times. The cloud becomes broken 600-800m by the afternoon when the visibility falls poor in showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 9 Celsius rising plus 16 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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